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## Fishing Facts and Fancies.

Very little fish is imported by the Persians. In 1907-8, according to the report of the British consul, the value of fresh and dried fish imported at Bushire was 247 pounds against 82 pounds in the previous year, those from the United Kingdom being valued at 19 pounds. The value of the fish exported was 10 pounds.

In the Italian Rivista Mensile di Pesca, Dr. Salvatore Lo Bianco gives a vivid account of a huge catch of horse-mackerel taken in the Gulf of Naples in June and July of last year. No less than 72,000,000 of these fish, measuring on the average six inches long, were caught and brought ashore.

In a recent report Prof. Prince says: "The migrations of sea-fish are of importance in connection with the commercial utilization of marine resources. Their determination is beset by peculiar difficulties, and the systematic marking of considerable numbers of the most valued food fishes on the plan adopted by the Marine Biological Board of Canada, to be carried out in successive seasons on the Atlantic coast of the Dominion, with the marine laboratory at St. Andrews, N. B., as the principal station, is the first step towards deciding the seasonal movements of the schools of fish upon which Canadian fishermen depend for their catches."

The Canadian Minister of Fisheries has renewed the arrangement with the express companies, which his department had last year by which reduced rates were given to fish shipments from the maritime provinces consigned to the western provinces, and especially to Ontario, by the government paying one-third of the express rates. The government's actions is conceived in the interests both of the fishermen of the seacoast, and of the consumers of the interior.

The east coast herring fishing has been brought to a close and the boats are being rapidly made up and the crews paid off. At Yarmouth and Lowestoft the total catch has been, in round figures, 77,360 lasts, or 1,011,152,000 fish. What the retail value would be is difficult to estimate, but at three a penny—and seldom are they even hawked about the streets at a cheaper rate—the sum works out at 1,404,462 pounds.—London News.

Fishermen and tourists in Maine during 1908 left \$266,000 at the Belgrade lakes alone, or more than 10 times as much as was spent eight years ago.

Among the more curious of the fishes received lately at the New York city aquarium from Bermuda was a slippery dick. The slippery dick is only a little fish not more than five or six inches long, but it is shapely and remarkable for its coloring. Its head is of a dark green, and in a sordid line just back of its head runs a well defined band of a lighter color than either head or body, like a collar.

A pickerel weighing more than 20 pounds was caught at East Pittsford, Vt., by Charles Sargent of Mendon. It was about four feet three inches long.

The population of Finland is around 2,500,000. The people, for the most part, are rural rather than urban, being devoted largely to pursuits of the soil and of the forest, or engaged in seafaring or fisheries.

## Portland Arrivals.

The following fishing vessels were at Portland Sunday:

Sch. Robert and Carr, 4000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary Edith, 6000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Katie L. Palmer, 9000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Albert D. Willard, 5000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Island Gem, 2500 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Fanny Hayden, 8000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Maud S., 6000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Lochinvar, 8000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 6000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Angie B. Watson, 9000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Crusader, 3500 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Defender, 3000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Minerva, 3500 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Maud B. Morse, 3000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Etta B., 4000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sch. Fanny Reed, 4000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Bennie, 2000 pounds fresh fish.  
Sloop Leroy.  
Sch. Eva and Mildred, 9000 pounds fresh fish.  
All these fares went on the Monday market.

## Lobsters and Smelts

The smallest consignment of lobsters from Nova Scotia received at Boston so far this season came in on the Yarmouth steamer Sunday for delivery yesterday. There were only 14 crates, 4 1-2 barrels and a box of live ones in the lot. Things will improve in this line soon, however, as the shippers who have been holding back their lobsters will begin to hurry them along early this month.

The commissioners are about done with smelts for the season, and those that come now are few in number and almost entirely from Maine, where the fishermen are still taking them in fair quantities.

## Good Stocks

The crew of the Provincetown sch. Rose Dorothea have shared \$100 each the past month.

Sch. Eugenia, Capt. John Williams, stocked \$1450 as the result of her recent Georges headline trip.

The crew of sch. Jessie Costa shared \$47 on the last week's trip of the craft.

## No Arrivals Today.

There are no arrivals at this port this morning with fish. Late yesterday afternoon sch. Niagara arrived from Quero Bank with a small fare, 6000 pounds of halibut and 6000 pounds of salt cod.

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## Today's Receipts.

Sch. Niagara, Quero Bank, 6000 lbs. halibut, 6000 lbs. salt cod.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Rose Standish, shore.  
Sch. Motor, shore.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.  
Sch. Morning Star, via Boston.  
Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.  
Sch. Mettaomet, shore.  
Sch. Bessie M. Dugan, shore.  
Sch. Viking, shore.  
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Georgianna, shore.

## Today's Fish Market.

Salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.

Bank halibut, 11 cts. per lb. for white and 9 cts. for gray.

Salt pollock, \$1; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.

Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medimus, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Aloha and Mabel D. Hines are on the Rocky Neck railways.

Sch. Monarch was on Burnham's railways yesterday and sch. Constellation is on today.

Schs. Clintonia and Jennie H. Gilbert are on Parkhurst's railways.

Sch. Madonna is having her ballast taken out preparatory to getting ready for a salt bank dory headline trip.

Sch. Arcadia will engage in the southern mackerel fishery under command of Capt. Lemuel E. Firth.

Sch. Patrician is being made ready for a southern seining trip under command of Capt. C. Wesley Farmer and will begin to fit out next week.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. Phillip P. Manta, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1500 hake, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Gov. Russell, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 1000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Thomas A. Cromwell, 30,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 8000 hake.

Sch. Emily Cooney, 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Rex, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Valentinnia, 3000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Washakie, 23,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 1000 hake, 12,000 pollock.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 14,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Galatea.

Sch. Ethel B. Penney, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Massasoit, 4500 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. John M. Keen, 5000 haddock, 500 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Little Fannie, 4000 haddock, 2500 cod.

Sch. Yankee, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

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Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 11,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Metamora, 35,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Leo, 2500 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 9500 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Dorothy.

Sch. Minerva, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2000 cod.

Sch. Frances V. Sylvia, 18,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 500 hake, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Louise R. Silva, 20,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Edith Silveira, 3000 haddock, 1600 cod.

Sch. Arbitrator, 10,000 haddock, 4000 cod, 8000 pollock.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, 5000 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary E. Cooney, 15,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 hake.

Sch. Margaret Dillon, 6000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Pontiac, 18,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake, 2000 pollock.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 20,000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 pollock.

Sch. Annie Perry, 15,000 haddock, 3500 cod, 2000 hake.

Br. sch. Muriel M. Young, 235,000 lbs. frozen herring, 50 bbls. salt herring.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 4000 cod.

Sch. Stranger, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Cherokee, 4000 cod.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan.

Sch. Mary C. Santos.

Sloop On Time, 2500 cod.

Sch. Nettie, 500 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Nautilus, 3500 cod.

Sch. Sarah, 5000 cod.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., 5000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1500 pollock.

Sch. Hockomock, 5500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 1300 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$3.25 to \$5; market cod, \$2 to \$3; pollock, \$2.75 to \$3; hake, \$2.50 to \$5.

## PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

## Arrived Today.

Sch. Lena and Maud, New York, coal.

Tug Undine, cruising.

Barge Ephrato, Baltimore, coal for Gloucester Gaslight Co.

Barge R. G. Co. No. 1, in tow of tug H. S. Nichols, Rockport for Boston.

Sch. Avalon, Philadelphia, coal.

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## FRESH FISH ARRIVALS.

## Shore Fleet Detained in Port Today by Northeaster.

Since yesterday morning 18 of the fishing fleet have arrived at T wharf, Boston, with fares of fresh fish. Six of these were off shore craft with from 45,000 to 65,000 pounds each, while the rest were shore fishing craft with from 500 to 37,000 pounds. Prices hold about the same as yesterday.

This is the second day this week there has been no fishing arrivals at this port. Owing to the bad weather only one vessel sailed from here yesterday and none will go today on account of the easterly.

The men of the market boat fleet will have to content themselves ashore today, while their crafts are tied up to the wharves, because the heavy northeast wind prevailing outside precludes all chances of fishing before tomorrow.

Some of the boats came in yesterday afternoon and others strung in here during the forenoon. Many of the fleet are tied up at Boston and those that went out from there will harbor here before the day is through.

The northeaster now prevailing is looked for to bring along a number of the off shore fleet that have been fishing to the eastward.

## CARRIED AWAY HER FOREMAST.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis at Shelburne, in Crippled Condition.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry F. Curtis, of this port, limped into Shelburne, N. S., harbor Monday night in a crippled condition.

A dispatch from Capt. Curtis states that the foretopmast is carried away, seven dories smashed and some sails, blocks and rigging damaged.

The Curtis is engaged in haddock-ing and was probably on Brown's or Le Have bank when the accident happened. The spar was probably carried away in a breeze and broke the dories and damaged rigging and sails when it fell.



# FISH RECEIPTS FOR FEBRUARY.

## Slightly in Excess of Same Month Last Year.

The receipts of fish at this port for the month of February, is but slightly in excess of that landed in February of 1903 and a little behind the February receipts of 1907, indeed for all practical purposes the catch of fish landed here in that month for the three years above mentioned can be called just about the same.

As comparing the catch of the various kinds of fish for February of this year with that month of 1903, salt cod showed a slight falling off, while fresh cod came out a little ahead. Haddock is about one good off shore trip to the good and hake the same. Cusk is in little better receipts, while the pollock catch almost doubled. Halibut, in spite of being in quite liberal receipt, fell 85,000 pounds behind last year. No salt or frozen herring were landed in February of either year, and the cured fish landings are 1100 quintals behind.

The first two months of the year thus far show a gratifying increase in the total catch of ground fish over last year's similar month of nearly 700,000 pounds and but 8700 pounds short of the showing of January and February of 1907.

The following comparative table gives the catches in detail:

	1909	1908	1907
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Salt cod .....	79,900	95,600	114,800
Fresh cod .....	150,400	120,900	216,500
Haddock .....	580,500	511,200	547,000
Hake .....	20,100	22,100	5,980
Cusk .....	55,800	22,100	95,800
Pollock .....	20,500	9,700	7,600
Halibut .....	247,000	331,800	372,700
Flitches .....	510	2,010	

Totals ....	1,154,710	1,142,810	1,360,580
Salt herring ..			3,500
Frozen herring			800

	Qtls.	Qtls.
Cured fish ....	1,600	2,700

January 1 to March 1.

	1909	1908	1907
	Pounds.	Pounds.	Pounds.
Ground fish	2,364,195	1,673,910	2,541,925

### The Herring Fleet.

Sch. Veda M. McKown arrived at New York, from here Sunday with her cargo of frozen herring and sch. Essex arrived there Monday. Both vessels are now open and trade is reported fair.

Sch. Lena and Maud, which finished up discharging her frozen herring at New York last week, arrived here yesterday morning with a cargo of coal.

Sch. Avalon, which discharged her cargo of frozen herring at Philadelphia arrived here yesterday morning with a cargo of coal.

Sch. Saladin has completed the discharge of her cargo of frozen herring at New York and is bound home with a cargo of coal. The schooner will be in the southern seining fleet this season under command of Capt. John A. McKinnon.

### Fitted With Power.

Sloop Vesta of Provincetown, which has been on Parkhurst's railways has been fitted with a 28 horse power Regal engine, which is said to be the first of its kind installed in a fishing craft. The Vesta enjoys the distinction of having her name in the largest and most prominent letters of any fishing craft hereabouts. The letters are a foot square and take up the whole stern.

### Iron Chink For Codfish Completed.

E. A. Smith, of the Pacific coast, the inventor of the "Iron Chink," which has revolutionized methods of operation in the salmon canneries on the Pacific coast, announced during the past year that he was at work on a machine to clean and remove the backbone from codfish. The machine has been proven successful at the factory, and now that the company are in their new plant other experiments and trials will be made.

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### Has Been Painted White.

Sch. John R. Bradley, one of the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. fleet, now fitting for salt banking, has been painted a lead white tint and now is the only vessel of the local fleet not dressed in a dark, sombre hue.

### Trying New Kind of Salt.

The Robinson Fisheries Company, of Anacortes, used a new kind of salt in putting up their codfish last year. Previously they had used what is known as San Francisco Bay salt, which is a good clean white salt of great purity. Last year, however, they made experiments to determine the quality of Carmine Island salt, which is found in Mexico. Mr. Robinson, of this firm, reports that he found the experiments very satisfactory.

### Boston Fish Merchant Dead.

Obadiah Rich, who for many years has been employed by the fish commission house of E. T. Russell at 63 Long wharf, Boston, was stricken suddenly yesterday afternoon while at work and died before medical aid could be summoned.

Mr. Rich lived at 59 Bellingham street, Chelsea, and was somewhat of a figure along the water front, having many friends and acquaintances.

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### Today's Receipts.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, shore.  
Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.  
Sch. Rita A. Viator, shore.  
Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.  
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Viking, shore.  
Sch. Matiana, shore.  
Sch. Mertis H. Perry, shore.  
Sch. Ida S. Brooks.  
Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.  
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.  
Sch. Esther Gray, shore.  
Sch. Motor, shore.  
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.  
Sch. Manomet, shore.  
Sch. Frances P. Mesquita, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Boyd and Leeds, Georges.

### Today's Fish Market.

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Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37-1-2; Eastern cod, large \$1.65; medimus, \$1.37 1-2; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1 for medium and 50 cts. for snappers; haddock, 60 cts.; hake, 60 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

Trawl bank cod, large, \$3.25; medimus, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50; mediums, \$2; snappers, \$1.

Shore frozen herring, for bait, \$2.00 to \$2.50 per cwt.

Newfoundland frozen herring, for bait, \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cwt.

### Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Meteor is on the Rocky Neck shears for a new mainmast.

Sch. Electric Flash is on Burnham's railways.

Sch. Marsala is fitting for Georges handling under command of Capt. Martin Christensen.

Sch. Electric Flash will be one of the early southern seiners under command of Capt. William Bissert, who did so well in her last year.

### Boston.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. Conqueror, 45,000 haddock, 15,000 cod.

Sch. Mooanam, 40,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Marguerite, 6000 cod.

Sch. Eva Avina, 500 cod.

Sch. Georgianna, 40,000 haddock, 10,000 cod.

Sch. Elmer E. Gray, 40,000 haddock, 20,000 cod.

Sch. William A. Morse, 7000 haddock, 2500 cod, 1000 pollock.

Sch. M. Madelene, 300 haddock, 11,000 cod.

Sch. Mary Edith, 7000 haddock, 3000 cod, 1000 hake, 1500 cusk.

Sch. Hobo, 4000 cod.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 8000 haddock, 1000 cod, 5000 pollock.

Sch. Squanto, 60,000 haddock, 5000 cod.

Sch. Jesse Costa, 20,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 7000 pollock.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, 6000 haddock, 1500 cod, 1000 hake.

Sch. Juniata, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Sch. Eddie A. Minot, 1500 cod.

Haddock, \$1.25 to \$2.75 per cwt.; large cod, \$4 to \$4.50; market cod, \$2 to \$3; hake, \$3 to \$5.50.

### Portland Arrivals.

The only fishing arrival at Portland Monday was sch. Margie Turner with 9000 pounds of fresh fish.

### PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

### Arrived Today.

Sch. Herman F. Kimball, Boston for Rockland.

## AGAINST LEASING CLAM FLATS.

## Rockport Town Meeting Adopted Resolution Unanimously.

The Rockport town meeting held its second session last evening and completed the action upon the appropriations. The matter of extending the town water to Long Beach was referred to the water commissioners and selectmen to report at a special meeting and a vote was passed unanimously protesting against the leasing of the clam flats or shore as proposed by the fish and game commission.

The meeting was called to order at 7.30 o'clock, the attendance being fully equal to the preceding evening.

### Against Leasing Clam Flats.

Moderator Dennis presented as the first business a communication from Hon. George A. Schofield of Ipswich in behalf of the committee appointed at the meeting recently held in that town to take action in reference to the proposed leasing of the flats and shores, by the state authorities, taking the control out of the hands of the local authorities, and asking that an article to be placed in the warrant, to see if the town will vote to protest against any change in the law which takes from the local authorities control over shore fisheries or which takes away the public rights by leasing the shore or flats, but which Mr. Dennis explained was not received until after the warrant had been made up.

J. Manuel Marshall, Esq., moved that the matter be postponed till this evening in order that a copy of the proposed bill might be had, and the motion was declared carried, but the vote was counted and a count showed 17 in favor and 38 against.

On motion of Charles H. Cleaves, Esq., the meeting voted 79 to none to protest against the proposed change in the law and against the leasing of any flats or shore.

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## THE NEW BOSTON FISH EXCHANGE.

## Dealers and Fishermen Both Pleased With Its Working.

## Most Disputes Have Been Settled in Favor of Captains.

The new fish exchange at T wharf, Boston, has been in working order now for over a month, and the dealers and fishermen have been able to learn whether they are benefited by it or not. The dealers are satisfied, although some of them have suffered loss through the working of the rules, and the fishermen seem to take kindly to it also.

In the disputes that have arisen over the quantity, weight and size of the fish the committees selected to settle the disputes have acted fairly, and in most instances have decided in favor of the captains.

In one instance one of the officers of the exchange was made to pay for a lot of fish which he claimed not to have received because two of his men signed vouchers for the same cart, and as the captain had vouchers for two carts of fish the dealer was told to pay or give up his connection with the exchange.

Even the captains who objected to paying one per cent. on the sale of the fish, do not complain now, as they have found that they save much more through the rule that obliges the dealers to take the fish he signs to take and at the price he agreed.

One of the largest dealers found recently that this rule meant just what it read, and when he called his fish in his store, and refused to pay the price of large cod for what he said were market cod, the arbitrators ordered him to pay as his men should have culled their fish before leaving the vessel's side.